

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Reissue Application of

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Application No.: Rule 53(b) Continuation of Application No. 10/210,813 (which is a Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,704,720 issued January 6, 1998 (Application No. 08/553,584 filed February 26, 1996))

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For: SLIDING BEARING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED IN REISSUE APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Col. 1, before the first line of the specification, and after the title, please insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This is one of two (2) reissue applications directed to various aspects of a sliding bearing described in U.S. Patent No. 5,704,720, which corresponds to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/553,584 filed February 26, 1996, which is the U.S. national stage of International Application No. PCT/JP95/00467, filed March 17, 1995. The first filed reissue application is Application No. 10/210,813, filed August 2, 2002. The second reissue application is the present application, which is a continuation of said Application No. 10/210,813. As noted above, this is a continuation of Application No. 10/210,813, filed